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Indian Font for Mobiles
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is considering to make it mandatory the Indian languages fonts for mobile phones sold in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards proposes to notify the standards that will require handsets to be able to render Indian font messages and allow users to type in Indian Languages ; and

(d) if so , the details thereof?

Answer

(a) and (b): Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has, vide Gazette of India Notification No. 2742 dated Nov 23, 2016 notified mandating Indian Language Support on Mobile Phones as per Bureau of India Standards (BIS) IS 16333.
(c) and (d): Bureau of Indian Standards has published standard IS 16333(Part 3) :2016 , which defines the requirements for mobile phone handsets for inputting of text in English , Hindi and atleast one additional Indian Official language along with facility of message readability for all 22 Indian Official Languages.

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